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Moving Pictures

Strand.

Imagine a full fledged fashion show in a Bill Hart picture! That's just what the ladies who saw the famous star's latest Paramount-Artcraft production, "John Petticoats" at the Strand theater yesterday, where it opened a four days' run, were treated to. According to the story, Mr. Hart describes his job as a lumber boss to take over the New Orleans modiste shop which he has inherited. When he arrives, the spring gowns, hats and lingerie are just being shown to the belles of the city. A dazzling array of pretty "extras." Bill Hart gives one look and darts out of the door, but the women folk at last evening's performance would have been content to let the exhibition go on indefinitely.

Majestic.

Ever hear of Jimboulou? For information there is no one more capable of discussing this dish than Anita Stewart whose latest production "Her Kingdom of Dreams" will be seen at the Majestic theater until Wednesday night. It was during the filming of this feature that Miss Stewart's Swedish cook placed a new and savory dish upon the table one evening. "What was that stuff you served us?" Miss Stewart asked, calling the cook to her side. "Jimboulou, ma'am," answered the maid. "Well, can that stuff," responded Miss Stewart, "in the garbage can."

Princess.

Tom Mix is being started at the Princess theater today and Tuesday in his greatest Western, drama, "The Heart of Texas Ryan," produced by William N. Selig, and pronounced by him to be the greatest Tom Mix picture ever produced.

In support of Mr. Mix are seen some of the most accomplished actors in the silent drama, including Frank Chapman, who has been seen opposite

GERMANY'S CHANGE
IN FRONT DUE TO
AMERICA'S ACTION

Hun Reluctance to Accept Allied Protocol Officially Declared Entirely Due to Senate's Delay on Treaty.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.
(Special Correspondent of The News Scimitar.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Germany's reluctance to sign the peace treaty which the allies have submitted is officially declared to be due to the failure of the United States to ratify the peace treaty. Frank L. Polk, head of high American peace mission in Paris, has endeavored to erase from the minds of the German commissioners the notion that the American senate intends to do anything to aid Germany in avoiding her obligations. Nevertheless, in executive quarters here, there is an unmistakable evidence of regret that Germany should have had the opportunity to get any comfort out of the delay in the ratification of the peace treaty. And while this only confirms the statements made by President Wilson's recent trip to Paris, there are some who are hoping America would disassociate herself from her allies, there are others who are hoping serious consequences which are being pointed out as a possible result of the delay in ratifying the treaty.

Indeed, reports from some embassies abroad and from other sources disclose a state of affairs in Europe that has given rise to grave concern here. Central Europe is represented as on the verge of starvation. Poland, Bohemia, Yugoslavia and the other countries which were emancipated from the German yoke are experiencing throes of less the moral and material aid of the United States is forthcoming, anarchy may result where at least a semblance of law and order now prevails. Fear that America will draw away the hand of support which President Wilson pledged have run up and down the backs of statesmen, economists and business men. The drop in the exchange rate of English pounds sterling and the depreciation in the price of the franc and the mark as well as the slow progress in floating loans needed by foreign governments, are evidences of the general condition of unrest in which international business finds itself.

Confidence that America will still work out a compromise and ratify the peace treaty still prevails abroad as the basis of the hope that the United States will virtually underwrite civilization in the next few years by close economic partnership in the distribution of the supplies and raw materials needed to start world trade going and industries booming.

There is something pathetic in the way the ambassadors and ministers of European countries talk of their dependence on America. It is quite parallel to their expressions in the days when the United States decided to come to the aid of the allies and send an army overseas. Europe, if the truth be known, is begging America to come in quick while there is time to save the international structure. France especially is hopeful that America will not desert her now that the armies are demobilized and there is really very little physical force to make Germany do the bidding of the allies. Economic pressure alone, meaning thereby a control of the commodities, including food, that go into Germany, can bring the German brawlers and brawlers to heel. But the Germans know full well that the various commissions, especially the all-important reparations commission, cannot begin to function until the most powerful member of the association of nations is represented.

So long as the United States plays a lone hand and sells her products to Germany and makes her own deals with German brawlers and brawlers, the Germans will be virtually independent of the influence of the league of nations. There is a cohesive partnership between the allies and the United States on the one hand, the moral and material power of the league of victors to command Germany's obedience to the provisions of the peace treaty, is admittedly diminished if not entirely nullified.

Ratification Big Need. Whatever may be the merit of the objections that have been raised to certain provisions in the covenant of the league, whether reservations can cover all the objections raised or not, the biggest fact in international affairs today is the need of a prompt ratification.

CINEMA OF CRIME
REFLECTED UPON
POLICE BLOTTER

Seven people fell afoul of the law Sunday, and the police found their places of business open to the trade. Just as it was a week day and no fuel restrictions were in force. At headquarters the docket shows the following: P. A. Kluff, peddler, Walnut street and Beale avenue; K. Schlemmer, merchant, 214 North Second; J. Young, Jr., grocer, Patton avenue; A. R. Rye, merchant, Rayburn boulevard; extended; Sir J. A. Berrell, same address; S. Rosenthal, merchant, Parkway and Rayburn boulevard; Mrs. M. Koehler, 111 W. Central avenue; and J. J. Young, Jr., and Pryde made the arrest. All were charged with violating the Sunday closing ordinance.

Following an old-time custom, detectives floundered to the desk sergeant's window and got their names on the arrestees' names Sunday, when developments in recent robbery cases looked like a cinch against Betty Young, Ed. Brady, Riley and Blond Edwards, all negroes. Charge of housebreaking and larceny lodged against the trio name as prosecutors James O. Dwyer, Mrs. Jacoba and E. Witzmann, all of whom were some of their stolen household effects from the pile found in the Riley's home on the corner of Beale and Broadway. Arresting officers included Detective Hale, Brunner, Long and Carpenter and Patrolmen Handwerker and Flanagan.

When you lend a friend your overcoat and he returns it intact, yet minus the \$10 bill which you are sure you left in the pocket, are you open to the possibility of having him arrested on a larceny charge? Albert Thompson, Birmingham negro, thinks so. He had the Birmingham police force (Patrolmen Sangers and Crime) Jail Page Vaughan on that charge.

Two negroes, armed with a pistol and plenty of gall, robbed Robert Davis, negro, Tuesday morning on Calhoun avenue near Rayburn boulevard. Davis reported his loss.

Lost any chickens? Joe Cole, police turnkey, has seven birds which he believes were stolen Sunday. He is holding them for identification by the owner.

Three automobiles disappeared over Sunday, according to reports to police. Victims are:

Julian Aymett, 800 Court avenue, five-passenger Lexington.

J. F. Murphy, 250 North Willet street, Premier No. 5447.

J. J. Delane, 180 Beale avenue, five-passenger Commonwealth.

A suit and pair of trousers belonging to W. D. McCarthy disappeared Sunday from his room at 230 Madison avenue, he told police.

Three barrels of granulated sugar, weighing 1,118 pounds, and worth at retail \$27.50, were stolen Saturday night from the plant of the Lily Purify Ice Cream company, 435 Madison avenue, according to a report to police. Burglars entered by a rear stairs window. The owner offered \$50 reward for the recovery.

A thief with an eye to values as well as a taste for variety, exhibited both Saturday night, when he broke into the office of Dr. W. B. Powell, dentist, 355 Lyceum building, and stole \$20 worth of dent gold and a safe razor.

Charges of reckless driving were preferred against W. A. Smith, 388 Poplar avenue, and H. S. Griffin, Jr., Arlington, Tenn., after machines they were driving were taken to the police station Sunday night.

Miss Anna McCrory, Smith's sister-in-law, who was in the car with him, fainted when the machines crashed. No one was injured. Six or seven policemen, who happened to be awake at headquarters, a block away, arrived on the scene soon after the accident and arrested both drivers.

Matching nickels with two swave, mid-dressed strangers is not a profitable pastime, according to D. C. Luttrell, Middletown, Tenn., who reported to police Sunday that he was out \$57 in cash as a result of following a gambling bet. After getting his coin the stranger left, Luttrell said. He gave their address to police.

G. O. P. LEADERS COME
FOR CAPITAL MEETING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Republican leaders from every state were coming into Washington today for a hand in the numberless conferences on candidates and policies incident to the meetings of the party in the national committee Wednesday. These conferences easily overshadowed in interest the real purpose of the meeting, which is to select a time and place for the 1920 convention.

Arrival today of Chairman WILL H. Hays and other officials of the national committee, talk about the convention city began to forecast an early decision. It was thought like that in their differences during the day the leaders might virtually settle the question. Chicago and St. Louis are making fights for the honor.

SIX ARRESTS ARE MADE
ON REGULAR INDICTMENTS

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Dec. 8. (Sp.)—Six arrests were made Saturday on warrants issued on indictments returned by the Jefferson county grand jury and included J. T. Hutson, white, charged with having killed John C. Hill, a negro, Jim Moore, negro police, and James Mason, negro restaurant owner, who was charged with killing "Dumpty" McLaughlin on Thanksgiving day.

Hutson and his wife were arrested on a charge of vagrancy and were released on bonds of \$300 each. Whitlock Pointer, charged with assault on a woman, was released on \$1,000 bond. The bonds of Hutson and Mason were \$1,000 also.

SOLVES TRANSMUTATION
OF MATTER PROBLEM

PALM BEACH, Fla., Dec. 8. (Sp.)—Sir Ernest Rutherford, since 1907 Langworthy professor and director physical laboratories at the University of Manchester, England, has solved the problem of transmutation of matter, the secret sought by the ancient alchemists, according to the Mail.

Sir Ernest Rutherford is one of the best-known physicists in the world. He has devoted much attention in recent years to radio activity.

TRI-COUNTY BOARD IS
SIGNING BRIDGE CONTRACT

JONESBORO, Ark., Dec. 8. (Sp.)—The Tri-County Road District commissioners are meeting today to sign with the Vincennes Bridge company a contract for the construction of the new bridge which is now under way. The regular contract. The contracts will run into about \$2,000,000. The bridge will be built by the St. Louis, has already been signed.

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SILVER-PLATED COMB, brush and mirror set, embossed in attractive Cupid designs; a gift that is lasting and one affording no end of pleasure and utility; set complete in attractive box Tuesday at \$3.00.

MILITARY COMB AND BRUSH SET, in nice leather case—a gift that will be nice for the young boy, for it is useful and at the same time a lasting remembrance; these are very special Tuesday at \$1.98.

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